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1. In December 1951 the China Farmers' and Workers' Democratic Party (CFWDP) held its 6th National Cadre Conference. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) United Front Department took the unusual step of sending a written speech to the conference which is summarized as follows:

a. TENG Yen-ta (鄧演達), founder of the CFWDP, believed that CHIANG Kai-shek and the Kuomintang had betrayed the Chinese revolution; that the CCP would not be able to succeed in the revolution; and that the only hope of success for the revolution lay in the leadership of some other force. This is obviously a "Middle-of-the-Road Course", but it has become the traditional thinking of the CFWDP.

b. The CCP believes that the anti-imperialist and anti-feudalist beliefs of the CFWDP are revolutionary and therefore progressive; but the lack of confidence in the USSR and the CCP is reactionary and presents an opportunity for Middle-of-the-Road reactionary elements to join its ranks secretly. These middle-of-the-Road beliefs are against the people and do not differentiate us from our enemies; they must be eliminated to avoid the danger of the CFWDP being used as a tool by the counter-revolutionary elements.

2. A special resolution was introduced to the conference: "Be it resolved that the boundary between us and the enemy be marked, and that the historical Middle-of-the-Road beliefs be liquidated in order to revive the CFWDP." P'ENG Tse-min (彭澤民),<sup>1</sup> Chairman of the Control Committee, spoke briefly on the necessity for liquidating these beliefs, and the resolution was passed with the inclusion of the following provisions:

a. Middle-of-the-Road beliefs must be investigated and completely liquidated. This resolution shall receive top priority and shall be transmitted to each local section of the Party by the members attending this conference.

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b. The political course of this party shall, without reservation, accept and follow the leadership of the CCP.

3. No opposing opinions were expressed, although CHANG Po-chun (章伯鈞) and HUANG Chi-hsiang (黃琪翔) spoke in terms of self-criticism.

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[ ] Comment. Apparently the beliefs of some members of the CFWDP have not been appreciably altered by this resolution, since [ ]

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[ ] some members of the CFWDP thought that the Chinese Communist germ warfare propaganda campaign is unwise. They agreed that the Party must disassociate itself as much as possible from the campaign, and say nothing except when forced.

CHANG Po-chun, Chairman of the CFWDP, is also the Chinese Communist Government Minister of Communications, and is a prominent member of other Communist councils and committees. He has long been known as one of the leading non-Communists in the government and has led various third party groups for a number of years. The CFWDP is also known as the China Peasants and Workers Democratic Party or the China Farmers' and Laborers' Democratic Party.

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[ ] Comment. The CFWDP has been trying to keep a secret of its activities in liquidating Middle-of-the-Road beliefs. Recently, however, some news has leaked out; particularly since the Democratic League has been using experience gained by the CFWDP as teaching material to educate its own members.

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1. [ ] Comment. PENG Tse-min has been previously reported in this same position. He has been associated with the Democratic League for a number of years.

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